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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Training

SUBJECT : The Counterespionage Course

1. Since the Counterespionage Course was reinstated in August 1953, the course has regularly been oversubscribed. With a maximum enrollment of fifteen students permitted it has been a difficult chore, at each running, to screen the candidates in order to determine which of the twenty-five or thirty candidates desiring registration in the course should be registered. The expansion of maximum enrollments to twenty for the last two classes has helped, but only slightly, in easing this chore.

2. It appears that the requirement for CE training will remain fairly consistent with these figures for some time to come. The Area Divisions have been requested to project their requirements for this training for Fiscal Year 1955. Returns from the FI Staffs and all but two of the Divisions show a minimum estimated requirement of 194 which, if the course is given only at an average of once every seven or eight weeks, would more than fill the quota.

3. We wholeheartedly support the philosophy propounded by the Office of Training of small seminar type courses as a means of maintaining quality in the program and so are content that the maximum number of students for any one class should remain at fifteen although we feel that its expansion to twenty would not seriously jeopardize the quality of the course. On the other hand, we do have a requirement for training exceedingly larger numbers of personnel in CE than even classes of twenty offered six or seven times a year could adequately handle.

4. It is therefore recommended and requested that steps be taken to:

- a. Run several CE courses concurrently, or,
- b. Run the course oftener, say, every four weeks or twelve times a year thereby providing instruction for a minimum of 180 persons per year in this subject.

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